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Proclamation:

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after this date I shall sell at my
stand, No. 1, EMPIRE BLOCK,

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FAMILY
GROCERIES,

and A. I.,
BOOTS
and
SHOES,

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rant, "Which, the same, I will
warrant to be as cheap as they can
be sold."

SECOND.—I shall sell until fur-
ther notice entirely upon my own
responsibility, totally ignoring all

COMBINATIONS,
CLIQUE and CORNERS.

SECOND.—I shall
NEVER
be
GUILTY

of selling any one article below its
market value for the purpose of
making a

LEAD,

MISLEADING

my customers, and then defend-
ing them of the amount thus lost
by an overcharge on articles with
whose value they are less familiar.

FOURTH.—Each and everyone
of my customers may depend on
the same usage which his neighbor
receives. I have no favorites as
to prices.

FIFTH.—Full weights and exact
measures. Our scales always cor-
rect, are among our mottoes, and
who will come may and be
convinced of the truth of the
above.

Given under my hand at the
City of Mexico this 7th day of
November, A. D. 1873, and of
the Independence of the U. S.
the ninety-seventh.

E. H. WADSWORTH.

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COLLARS,
BLANKETS,

Bells Traveling Bags, and all other arti-
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AND
CASKETS,

Shrouds and everything kept
by the Undertaker.

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CYRUS WHITNEY, (Co. Judge),

The Singer and the Song.

The rapture of a song
Rose over crowded ways,
And thrilled the passive days,
And stirred the idle throng.

I sought the singer long,
And found—a grass-grown grave,
With naught to mark it, save
The memory of a song.

The happy boyette, wed
To June, were blooming high;
Infinite heights of sky
Were glad above the dead.

Low in my heart, I said,
"What need of lettered songs?
The singer died unknown,
And the song lives instead."

CHARITY BOSTON.

BY MISS EMMA N. BEEBE.
AUTHOR OF
"Margaret Chester," "Happy Light," and
"Ruth Hawthorne."

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CHAPTER V.

MOTHER AND FRIENDS.

Henry, Tommy and Mignon were all
to go to the district school. Henry was
thirteen years old, very large, and it
seemed to me that he ought to be in the
seminary, but our parents came to a dif-
ferent decision. He could still do well
in the public school, and tuition in the
seminary seemed high.

Oh, what a continual hurt our poverty
was!

On that Monday morning when they
first started off, I left my washing and
went to look at them.

Dear little Mignon, my pet, my dar-
ling, the sweetest child I had ever known,
my heart was full of love and grief; but
the boys—oh, dear!—there seemed to be no
possible means of bringing them up to
my standard. Their clothing was of
strong, coarse material, which in my eyes
was far from looking well, but my plea
for finer had been in vain. Henry was
asked and backward in his studies;
Tommy was bright and quick, but utterly
indifferent to social proprieties, and I
feared that people would say they had
no breeding.

The weather was pleasant and the
walks were dry, but hardly had they gone
stopped to put his pants in his boots.
After a minute more they met a lady
with nothing unusual in her appearance,
when he halted and right-about-faced to
look at her. He had been taught better,
and I fretted about it to mother, who did
not seem at all troubled, but said that
boys were not machines to be entirely
controlled by a will which was not their
own.

At noon I saw them coming home,
Henry first and alone, Tommy talking
enthusiastically to Johnny McDeed, while
Mignon and Mary McDeed came on be-
hind, their little hands tightly clasped
and holding a bunch of tender grass.
The face of one was delicate, the other
comparatively coarse; one was tastefully
the other shabbily dressed, but no
thoughts of inequality troubled them.
They were looking at each other with
sparkling eyes and smiles. I called
mother to see them, and thought I dis-
covered a tear when she said, "The dear
little children!"

The sight affected me somewhat differ-
ently. I could not bear to think that
they would have those Irish children
for playmates, and was glad that
Henry had rejected such company. As
he came in I said:

"You had to come alone?"
"Why, no; I came with Tom Doo-
little."

Mignon was next. "Is Mary a nice
little girl?" mother asked.

"Yes, mamma, she's got a bossy, a big
pig and seven kitties, and she gave me
these flowers"—holding up her grass—
"mayn't I go and see them?"

But mother had no opportunity to re-
ply, for Tommy rushed in saying that he
had beaten the whole class in geography,
and Mignon had gone to the head in
spelling. "She didn't have to get up but
two, but she got to the head, anyway."

He had answered a question that none
else knew—he didn't think they were
very smart—he'd bet he'd beat 'em just so
every day.

"I thought my Tommy wasn't going
to bet any more," mother said.

"I forgot—but then I didn't mean it
—only just said so. I do bet I will,
though—I mean guess. I tell you, you
Rocky Bend boys don't know much."

"What was the question you answer-
ed?" asked father.

"Where is North America?"
"What did you say?"

"Why, just what anybody would. I
said it was right here on top of the world."

"Was that all?" asked mother with a
smile.

"Why, they all laughed, and I had to
tell what oceans come up 'round it, and
the teacher said that would do. Say! I
have you et?"

This question was chronic with Tom-
my, and arose whenever he came into the
house near meal time.

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We are glad to see that quite a num-
ber of papers are publishing letters from
citizens requesting that the American
system of deaf-mute instruction be re-
presented by teachers at the Vienna Exposi-
tion. By all means, let our skillful teach-
ers go, and bring with them bright and
intelligent deaf-mute pupils.

A SERVICE FOR DEAF-MUTES—will be
held by Rev. Thomas B. Berry at Grace
Church, Syracuse, on Sunday afternoon,
Jan. 19th, at 2 1/2 o'clock. The attendance
of all deaf-mutes who can be present, is
respectfully invited. If possible, oneself
will attend.

FUNERAL OF DR. E. P. PEET.
The chapel of the New York Insti-
tution was draped in mourning, as were
also the main hall and the dining room.
Most of our graduates will remember the
row of six large slates on the chapel plat-
form used for daily explanation of the
words of the Holy Scriptures. On the wall,
above these slates, was a fine line-
size portrait of the deceased, heavily
draped in mourning, and on its top re-
sided a beautiful bouquet of autumn leaves,
a little way below this portrait, in letters
of evergreen, read this sentence: "Asleep
in Jesus." At one o'clock p. m. the mu-
sic assembled in the chapel. Shortly
afterwards the remains of our venerable
friend, enshrined in an ornate casket,
were brought in and laid very tenderly
on a small temporary platform. A beau-
tiful coronet of white flowers with a cross
in the centre, emitted its delicious per-
fume at the head of the casket. There
was also a wreath of autumn leaves and
of laurel, appropriately arranged. Rev.
Thomas Gallaudet, D. D., conducted the
services for the pupils. At about two
o'clock the funeral services were com-
menced.

Dr. Peet, who was a most devoted
and successful teacher, and whose life was
a model of Christian piety, was a native
of New York, and had spent his entire
life in the service of his fellow-men.
He was a man of great energy and
determination, and his death was a
great loss to the deaf-mute community.
His funeral services were attended by
a large number of his pupils and friends,
and his remains were interred in the
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Where do you live, please?

"In the little house across the road
from Mr. Doolittle's."

The child looked disappointed and pre-
sently slipped from her lap and went to
mother.

"Mamma, she whispered as soon as
there was a sufficient pause.
"What, darling?"
"Is that Mrs. South or Mrs. Heaven?"
"What do you mean?"

"That is the lady's name, dear?"
"Yes, mamma, but where? I think it
must be where the sun shines so long, or
up in heaven. Which is it, mamma?"

O dear, earnest eyes! I do not re-
member how she was answered, but I saw
our neighbor turn away to hide a tear.
And I loved our neighbor.

A Little Love Story.
Robert Dale Owen, now upwards of
seventy, is writing his autobiography for
the Atlantic Monthly. Here is an extract
from the first chapter:

The next event that comes in life-like
trails before me, occurring when I was a
little more than five years old, is a visit to
Rosebank, my grandfather's country-seat
on the banks of the Clyde, some four
miles above Glasgow. It was occupied at
that time, by four maiden aunts, who
vied with each other in efforts to spoil
their eldest nephew—not without success.

The sky-born charm that hallows cer-
tain spots is a current phrase, not al-
ways meaning much. But the strange
glamour under which my young eyes re-
garded what then seemed veritable fairy-
land—the quaint old-fashioned mansion,
with its honey-suckle-shaded porch, its
pointed gables, dormer-windows, the sunk
into the garden, and its
permeated by the fragrance of the
window-sills; then the marvellous garden
in front, with its succession of terraces,
its gigantic evergreen hedges, its enigm-
atical sun dial, its wonderful bowling green
and its wilderness of roses with a thou-
sand unknown flowers beside; again, off
to the left, the long, dim, pleached ave-
nue of venerable beeches, with a ha-ha
stone fence on one side where a spacious
lawn swept down to the river bank; then,
farther off beyond the garden, a mysteri-
ously shaded winding road that led down
through a dark alley, to another part of
the Clyde—the inexplicable glamour, I
say, which invested all this made the
place, for me, an abode of bliss apart from
the real world, its true life and its
surroundings like none other upon earth;
instinct with vague fancies, feelings, ob-
scure emotions, the like of which I may
realize in the next world, but have never
found since, in this.

There was, too, an element of wonder,
rising to awe, that intervened among
general excitements. A mile or more
distant and on the opposite side of the
river loomed up the "Clyde Iron Works,"
a large establishment with extensive
foundries and rolling mills. Its fires
never went out; and the red flames that
shot from its tall chimneys lit up, with
lurid glare, the night landscape. I had
never seen or heard of anything like it;
I had no distinct idea of what was going
on there; and when I gazed on the thun-
der of the darkness, the scene called up the
pictures, which my good mother had de-
clared her duty to set before me, of a burning
hell. Fancy peopled its mysterious re-
cesses with evil spirits, and I was aware
of its terrible power, like the demon I
had been told of, as inhabiting the
Brimstone Lake.

But these visions vanished when day
dawned on my fairy-world. All was
rose-hued then.

What influence a brief episode in my
life at Rosebank may have had in col-
oring its day-dreams I can not tell; nor
whether the incident itself was due to
impulses inherited, in somewhat per-
sonal phase, for my ancestor, the Life
Guardian. I had wandered off alone,
some distance from the house. There I met
a certain little maid, a stray from a neigh-
boring farm-house, (five past, she told me
her last birthday.) Very neatly dressed
in tartan, and, to my thinking, the pret-
tiest creature my eyes had ever seen. We
were soon well acquainted, walking up
and down the ancient avenue, as older
lovers no doubt had done before us. Af-
ter a time it occurred to us that we
might be intruded on in so public a place.
Just back of the Beach Walk was a tall,
thick Hawthorne hedge in which we found
a gap large enough for a Newfoundland
dog to creep through. This admitted us
to a meadow in which the grass was nearly
as high as our heads, and there we
found a charming resting-place, where,
after day after day, we used to spend hours
together; terribly afraid, at first, of being
found out; but finally gaining confidence
in the verdant screen that sheltered us.

If we had been readers of Campbell,
we might have called to mind that de-
scription of his (carpeted at by Byron) in
one of his cynical monologues touching a se-
questered spot "where transport and se-
curity entwined"; but I am not sure
whether at that time, the lines were
written. My little love was somewhat
coy at first; but after we had faithfully
promised each other that we would be
married as soon as we "grew big," we
came to an excellent understanding, and
had long talks about the sort of house
we were to have built, and the nice time
we were to have in it together, when it
was finished.

Our nest was never discovered, and the
birds singing in the fragrant hedge
near by were not more blithe-hearted
than we. Our love was warm and honest;
and so were the tears we shed when at
last, after a few weeks—altogether too
short weeks they were—our prospects of
domestic happiness were broken in upon,
and I had to leave my land of enchant-
ment for the work-day world at New
Lanark, or rather Braxfield, for that was
then my father's residence.

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MEXICO INDEPENDENT.

MEXICO, THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1873.

News of the Week.

MISCELLANEOUS.
The thermometer denoted 30° below nothing on the coast of New England on Saturday.

Fifteen to twenty new students have registered at Cornell University for the winter term which opened, Wednesday of last week. One is a lady.

An express train going north was thrown from the track on the Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad, fifteen miles north of Watertown. The two locomotives were broken up, but the baggage-car and two passenger cars, although thrown off the rail, escaped without the serious injury of any one.

The State Senate did not hold a session Monday for want of a quorum.

The operators have accepted the proposition of the coal miners in Pennsylvania and work will be resumed immediately.

Secretary Belknap has ordered the corps of cadets to be present at the inauguration, March 4.

In the battle, between two companies of United States cavalry and the Apaches, near Salt river, Arizona, not a warrior escaped.

Mrs Lydia Sherman, poisoner of three husbands and three children, but who was only convicted of manslaughter in poisoning her last husband, was sentenced to state prison for life, Saturday, at New Haven, Conn. She received sentence with the utmost indifference, and at the conclusion gracefully courted an acknowledgment to the court.

The details of Mrs Lydia Sherman's confession makes it very clear that she was, when she, according to confession murdered eight persons, and other relatives lost their lives through her.

Workmen on the Midland in Cayuga county are receiving pay and notices to quit.

The police bureau in New York on Sunday removed 8,000 loads of snow from down town streets.

The body of a murdered man, Chas. Wenham, of Copenhagen, N. Y., was found in the ice near Grand Bend, Jefferson county, N. Y., on Thursday last. Evidence clearly indicated that the murderer was Charles Sutherland, also of Copenhagen. He was arrested on Saturday, but on his way to Cayuga, whither he was being taken by officers, went into fits and spasms and soon died. An examination discovered a bottle in his pocket with strychnine in it.

WASHINGTON.

A special from Washington says that the Senate finance committee has decided that the Secretary of the Treasury has no authority for issuing any portion of the forty-four millions of legal tenders which he claims for a reserve. This leaves the Treasury with only four and one-half millions of available currency.

It was stated at a recent meeting of the presidential inauguration committee, that the Washington Greys of Philadelphia, will, in addition to the military companies from cities, attend the inauguration. It is the intention of the executive committee to extend invitations to military organizations throughout the country to be present. Senator Sumner is regaining his health and expects to return.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made a decision which is of great interest to manufacturers and dealers in tobacco, prohibiting the sale of cavish tobacco in packages larger than two, four, eight and sixteen ounces, whereas they are now put up in ten pound and other large size packages contrary to law.

The Commissioner of Patents has prepared and forwarded to Austria a treaty between that country and the United States, to secure for American inventors their rights in inventions which they may send to Vienna for the purpose of exhibition. It is expected that the treaty will be signed by the Austrian government in the course of three or four weeks from this date, when all American inventors will be entitled to the same privileges in the United States.

The ex-Emperor Napoleon III. was Chiselhurst at forty-five minutes past ten Thursday morning. The funeral took place yesterday.

Several newspapers in Milan have opened subscription lists for erecting a monument to the ex-Emperor Napoleon, that city being the first in Italy which was liberated by him from the Austrian rule.

On Friday the Italian government declared that it heartily regretted the death of Napoleon III. and that it is impossible to forget that the Emperor contributed greatly to the liberty of Italy.

Leave of absence, to attend Napoleon's funeral, has been denied to all French officers, excepting those who were formerly attached to the household of the late Emperor.

The French army is not affected by the death of Napoleon. The Paris newspapers all speak of the death of the Emperor, most of them kindly, but in one or two of them the criticism are almost brutal.

Napoleon's will appoints the ex-Empress Eugenie, Cardinal Bonaparte, and Rousier guardians of the Prince. The Courts of Austria and England have decided to wear mourning for ten days. The ex-Empress has received letters of condolence from the Emperor of Russia and the King of Italy.

The French Government is reported willing to permit the internment of Napoleon's body in France, provided the funeral be strictly private and the deceased be buried as ex-Emperor and not Emperor.

The Province of Ontario, Canada, has discovered that she possesses 5,700 square miles of pine land, from which not a log has been drawn, and that this wood lot is worth twenty-five millions of dollars.

The Lake shore and Michigan Southern Railway has completed a double track through nearly its whole extent.

A second aid meeting was held in Buffalo, Saturday evening, at which a resolution urging the Legislature to enlarge the Erie and Oswego canals to accommodate boats of 600 tons burden was referred to the standing committee.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Persons leading sedentary lives will find in Holloway's Pills the best substitute for exercise which science can supply, and in his Ointment a remedy for all ulcers, diseases. Sold 78 Maiden Lane, N. Y. Price, 25 cents per box or pot. Ask for new style; the old is counterfeit.

From the Hub of the Universe.

EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:—

How absurdly ridiculous was the concert of Dr. O. W. Holmes, in naming Boston the Hub of the Universe. The egotism is so stupendously cool as to challenge admiration, and it is perhaps for this reason that it has been so often repeated with favor rather than contempt. Possibly there is a little degree of fitness in the distinction thus given to New England's Pet Metropolis. Perhaps Boston is in point of fine art and literary culture, the Athens of America; but the fact does not justify Bostonians in boasting of the fact. Widow Bedott like the parties "say it that shouldn't," thus violating a very sensible precept of a very wise teacher. "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own lips." However, Boston is not bragging much about these days. She is humbled in "dust and ashes" now. The horse epidemic compelled rich and poor to adopt the pedestrian mode of locomotion, to carry their own bundles and express packages, and trudge through the slops of the streets in a manner that outraged all the distinctions of "rank and cast." Oxen were brought into the city in such numbers as to make the streets resemble the pine woods of Maine, or the frontier settlements of the west. But this was nothing, the people did not mind the foot-travel, and as for the "horned-horses," their presence was a pleasant episode.

Just at the juncture came the fire, and to say that it was a fearful and frightful calamity but barely expresses the fact. The fire was sudden; it was desperate leaping from top to top of the six-story granite blocks, converting their Mansard summit into cinders and ashes; it was destruction, sweeping as it did through the wholesale sections of the city, ruining the finest buildings in the whole area covered by trade, and blotting out a greater valuation of commerce than could be found on any similar number of acres, perhaps, in the country. The churches suffered, because, though their edifices were not burned, their men of liberality and means were reduced, in many cases to poverty. The Methodist Theological School lost \$200,000, a part of the bequest left by the late Isaac Rich, Esq., for its endowment.

One of the many impressive incidents brought to notice after the fire, showing the uncertainty of riches, even when most securely guarded, is this:—A good man by a life of enterprise and industry had succeeded in amassing a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars. On his death bed he gathered his sons about him and counseled them to pursue an honorable course in business, avoid perilous shifts and speculations, and follow a cautious form of management. And he further recommended to put a large part of their wealth into granite blocks in Franklin Street, as being the safest investment they could possibly make.

All this occurred several years ago. The blocks were built; and they with millions of similar property were reduced to rubble, ancient-looking piles of ruins, stately in their desolation, but valueless now as the ashes that mingle with them, or the snow that waves weird and fantastic drapery about their rugged forms.

But the fire having occurred two months ago, it is an old, half forgotten theme, and I am in danger of being regarded as a "slow coach" for writing upon it at all. Indeed it has really passed now small-pox is the current sensation; and though the dailies ignore the fact, and the Board of Health, like Dickens's Circumlocution functionaries, when urged to take the matter in hand, only contrive "how not to do it," and the city government tries to treat the whole matter as a mere incident; yet there is the best of evidence that three thousand cases have already occurred; scores are dying each week, and it is thought the scourge will not have reached its climax till the middle of February.

The pestilence of Boston is to pitied, or at least pitied. A great effect is reaching out into many towns far and near. That our city is a radiating centre for New England and the "down east" provinces, is shown by the fact that the small-pox has gone out to many of the smaller places, and is producing even more demoralization in the affairs of life than in the metropolis itself; for city people get used and apparently care but little of them.

We have had plenty of snow the last two or three weeks, and sleighing, for a rarity, has reached as far as Cape Cod.

Our Legislature has just assembled, and our Governor Washburn, staunch prohibitionist and total abstinence that he is, said noble words of truth and courage on this subject in his message.

I must say in closing, that the country at large is mistaken, if it supposes that public sentiment, or even Republican sentiment, here is unanimous in censuring Chas. Sumner for his proposed action in reference to the U. S. Army flag. Very many thought that the Legislature, called together as it was for a special purpose, traveled out its way very far to do a needless if not an impudent thing when it passed its vote of censure.

And Rev. James Freeman Clarke expressed the sentiment of many of the noblest men in the state, when, in his sermon on this subject, he said "many of the men who voted that censure would never have been heard of but for Charles Sumner," and also that "they were playing at marble on the streets, when he was earnestly doing the noblest work of his life."

A. PARKE B.
Duxbury, Mass., Jan., 1st, 1873.

Official despatches from the Hawaiian government give information on the death of the king, which was quite unexpected, the cabinet met, as it is required to do by a provision of the Hawaiian constitution, and called by public proclamation a special session of the Legislative Assembly, whose duty it is, by the constitution, in such a case as this, to nominate and elect a sovereign. It is said that the choice of the Legislative Assembly may fall upon Prince Lunanille, Mrs. Bishop (who is the highest chief of the islands and known to her people as Bernice), or some other high chief. Mrs. Bishop is well known to many residents of New York, and other eastern cities, where she visited within the past year. She is the leader of the society of Honolulu; of large wealth; and her hospitality is remembered by many American seamen who visited the islands. She is the wife of Mr. O. Bishop, a native of New York, long a resident of Honolulu, and one of the wealthiest and wealthiest inhabitants of the island.

Splendid Syrup and Molasses at
Hoose & Cobb's.

BRIEFS.

—Our office has a "devil" and an angel! Just think of it!

—William Hackett, an employee in the Midland Round House, Oswego, was badly frozen Thursday night.

—On account of the pressure of our local news we have this week omitted the Home and Youth's columns.

—Miss Frances Hernel, of Oswego, took the white veil at the Church of the Assumption, Syracuse, on the 2d.

—Remember the lectures at the Methodist church on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Children's Matinee on Friday afternoon.

—Mr. H. A. Cozens, who has been acting assistant postmaster in Oswego, has been removed, and John H. Currie has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

—Every column of a newspaper contains from ten to twenty thousand distinct pieces of type. The displacement of a single one makes an error. Is it strange that errors occur?

—A gentleman who bought an old goose about Christmas time, under the supposition that he was purchasing a Muscovy duck, is going to have a set of false teeth.

—One of the young men belonging to a choir had his hair cut by a generous barber, Saturday. Sunday he sang for a solo "Cover my Defenceless Head," and blushing like a lobster while doing it.

—The Pulaski Democrat is informed that, without an exception, it has snowed in that locality every 24 hours since November 20, inclusive, up to January 7, an interval of forty-eight days.

—"Charley, what makes your cheeks so red?" asked a lover of his sweetheart's little brother. "Cause I put some of my sister's paint on 'em," says Charley. The situation was embarrassing, especially for Charley, after the lover took his leave.

—There will be four eclipses this year: A total eclipse of the moon May 12th, visible in this vicinity as a partial eclipse; a partial eclipse of the sun March 26th, invisible here; a total eclipse of the sun, November 14th, invisible here.

—"Linen Weddings" are the latest matrimonial bid for presents. We don't exactly know how long after marriage they occur, and perhaps the time is not as definitely fixed as the "wooden" and "tin" affairs.

—The Grand Division of Sons of Temperance for Western New York will hold its quarterly session with Fulton Division on Thursday, the 21st of this month. A public meeting is being arranged for the evening, at which some excellent speaking may be expected.

—Friday evening, at the crossing of the Syracuse Northern, to the Rome and Oswego railways, a terrible smash up was narrowly escaped. The train of the latter road had crossed by only six feet when the train on the other road dashed by. Ten mangers indignantly reflect on what might have been.

—The Baptist society of Sandy Creek is sustained by what are denominated voluntary contributions. When a call is made for the support of the pastor each individual places in an envelope the envelopes are then gathered up and the contents counted and devoted to their appropriate purposes.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Alvin Wallace, Esq., Sandy Creek, Dec. 28, 72, by Rev. J. H. Lamb, William Delapp and Miss Naomi Huffstater, both of Ellburgh.

In Oswego, January 9th, 1873, by the Rev. M. B. Squires, Esq., Byron G. Clark to Miss Sarah J. Eldred, both of Volney.

At North Volney, December 29, 1872, by F. W. Squires, Esq., Byron G. Clark to Miss Sarah J. Eldred, both of Volney.

At North Volney, Jan. 4, 1873, by F. W. Squires, Esq., Henry M. Gifford to Miss Rosetta C. Lawton, of West Monroe.

At Oswego, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1873, by the Rev. Father Griffs Mr. John E. Wood, of Ogdensburg, to Miss Mary Jane DeWitt, of Oswego.

DIED.

Samuel Porter, aged 75 years.
Mr. Porter was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of sterling integrity and uprightness of character, and carried conscience into all his business, and into all the relations of life. At the time of his death he had been a member of the church of Christ about forty years. He loved the people of God and the house of prayer.

His last sickness was a long and lingering one, yet he bore all without a murmur. He could from the first, trust all to his Lord and Redeemer. Tenderly and strongly attached to his family, though it cost a pang, he could leave them cheerfully. It was sweet and instructive to sit at the bedside and converse on divine things. Christ was in and with him, and his pain constantly; a living victory over sin and pain and death. Death had no terrors for him. He was anxious for its approach, "that he might depart and be with Christ." Not always does the Pastor find the deep, clear, satisfying Christian trust at the bedside of death. It was a beautiful and comforting thought to his Christian family and friends, that the eye of sense should close, and the eye of faith should open upon the ineffable glory of the Sabbath morning.

He remains were borne to their last resting place in the town of Parish, on the last warm autumnal day of November.
"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep!"
H. C.
Died in Oswego, Jan. 9th, 1873, Mary Sheridan, aged 31 years.

In Oswego, of consumption, Jan. 8, 1873, Michael Rourke, aged 26 years, 1 month and 21 days.

In Oswego town, Jan. 12th, 1873, Sarah Holbrook, mother of R. G. Holbrook, and Mrs. Albert F. Allen, aged 78 years.

In West Monroe, on Sunday, Dec. 22d, after a brief illness, Lizzie H., daughter of Thomas and H. M. McGuire, aged 9 months and fourteen days.

In West Monroe, Jan. 10, Mr. Moses Hoyt, in his eighty-first year.

FOR SALE.

One-half mile west of the Mexico Academy, on Fulton St., a farm of 37 acres, with good buildings. Also 10 acres on the same street, buildings good. House and lot on Ames St., and 1/2 Parish, on a farm of 73 acres, 3 miles east of Oswego, on the Canadian road, good wood lot and buildings. Terms easy.
If not sold will be rented on the first of April, Mexico, Nov. 5, 1872.
J. W. LAWTON.

COAL.

The following are the prices for coal:
GRATE..... \$3.25
EGG..... 8.50
STOVE..... 8.75
CHESTNUT..... 8.50
CHARCOAL, (per bushel), 20
All coal must be paid for when delivered.
W. FENFIELD.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The undersigned wishing to change their business offer their place for sale or to rent. It consists of 20 acres of land in the town of Parish, 15 miles from the village, on the Rotterdam road. It is well fenced, and well watered. Good barns, and house in fair condition. Terms easy.
C. F. BORT & CO.
Parish, Jan. 2, 1873.

OSWEGO CITY SAVINGS BANK, established in 1839. Office in Jefferson Block near the Post Office. Open daily from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and on Saturday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. Interest six per cent from the first of each month.
LUTHER WRIGHT, President.
H. L. DAVIS, Treasurer.
L. E. GOULDING, Secretary.

—Subscribe for your Magazines at 5¢.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the law partnership heretofore existing between Cyrus Whitney and John J. Lamore, was on the 31st day of December, 1872, dissolved by mutual consent.
C. W. WHITNEY.
JOHN J. LAMORE.

Oswego, Jan. 1, 1873.

Prices Reduced.

I will let horse and cutter to Pulaski, Jennings Corners, Parish and New Haven for \$1.80; and Colosse, Texas, Union Square and Homeville, for \$1.25; to Oswego, Fulton, Sandy Creek and Platts, \$2.00.
Call at the MEXICO HOUSE LIVERY BARN, Jan. 1, 1873.
B. DELINE.

FOR SALE—1 light horse Sleigh with two seats, trimmed; 1 single harness; 1 two-horse harness.

F. WAUGH.
Mexico, Dec. 3, 1872.

—Frames for sale for "Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep," at Ballard's Furniture store.

DR. F. J. POMMIER,
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON AND ACCOUCHEUR,
FRENCH ST., COLOSSE,
OSWEGO CO., N. Y.

Dr. Pommier is a skillful and experienced Surgeon, having been Surgeon in Louis Napoleon's army in Italy, and also in Syria. Prompt attention given to all calls.

Colosse, Jan. 1, 1873.

NEW TEAS.—Splendid quality; lower prices; go and see at
43 HOOSE & COB'S.

Ladies, Read This!

We would call the attention of Ladies to our large stock of Cloakings, such as Beavers, Broad Cloths, Ladies' Cloths and Waterproofs, of different grades and kinds. We have the Newest Patterns and Trimmings for Cloaks, and will cut and make them to order in the most approved style and at short notice. Cloak Cloths bought of us will be cut free of charge.
STONE, ROBINSON & CO.,
Mexico, Nov. 7, 1872.

MEXICO MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:
Flour, (retail) \$3.75, red \$3.75, white \$1.00
Meal, 1/2 cwt, (retail) 1.40
Corn, 60
Oats, 35
Butter, 15
Loose Butter, 15
Cheese, 12
Lard, 12
Beef, 1/2 cwt, 80
Mutton, 1/2 cwt, 80
Pork, 1/2 barrel, (retail) 815
Pork 1/2 cwt, 80
Apples (dried), 1/2 bushel, 06
Hens, 1/2 dozen, 08
Dressed Poultry, 1/2 bushel, 08
Potatoes, 1/2 bushel, 30
The Most WONDERFUL DISCOVERY OF THE 19th CENTURY.
Dr. S. D. HOWES
Arabian Milk-Cure,
FOR CONSUMPTION,
And all Diseases of the THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS, by the use of the
"Arabian Milk-Cure,"
A substitute for COD LIVER OIL.
Purifies the blood, cures Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Consumption, Loss of Voice, Shortness of Breath, Catarrh, Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, in a few days, like magic. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Also, DR. S. D. HOWES' Arabian Tonic Blood Purifier, cures all diseases of the blood, cures Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Consumption, Loss of Voice, Shortness of Breath, Catarrh, Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, in a few days, like magic. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Also, DR. S. D. HOWES' Arabian Tonic Blood Purifier, cures all diseases of the blood, cures Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Consumption, Loss of Voice, Shortness of Breath, Catarrh, Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, in a few days, like magic. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Also, DR. S. D. HOWES' Arabian Tonic Blood Purifier, cures all diseases of the blood, cures Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Consumption, Loss of Voice, Shortness of Breath, Catarrh, Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, in a few days, like magic. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Also, DR. S. D. 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HOME AND COUNTY.

Oswego County Agricultural Society.

The annual election of officers of the Oswego County Agricultural Society for the current year took place in the village of Mexico, on Thursday, Jan. 9th. The attendance was large, harmony and good feeling prevailed. The ballot for officers resulted in the choice of the following:

President—John Davis, Sandy Creek. Vice-President—Albert F. Smith, Oswego City.

Secretary—Henry L. Barton, Mexico. Treasurer—L. H. Conklin, Mexico.

Directors for full term—Azariah Warr, Sandy Creek; Henry J. Daggett, New Haven. Director to fill vacancy—Roman Robertson, Parish.

General Superintendent—S. R. Spooner, Mexico.

The receipts for the year 1872 were \$4,713.82. The amount of cash premiums paid, \$2,015.50, exclusive of books and the Agriculturist. The amount paid the previous year, \$1,475; excess of premiums paid in 1872, \$580.50.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is due, and hereby tendered to Morgan L. Marshall, for the able, prompt and efficient manner he has performed the duties of President of the Oswego County Agricultural Society, and for his untiring exertions in behalf of the interests, success and prosperity of said Society during the last five years.

On motion, Sept. 16, 17 and 18, 1872, was designated as the time for holding our next fair.

A meeting of the officers and board of directors will be held at the Mayo House, in this village, on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 1 o'clock p. m., to revise the premium list, appoint judges, and the transaction of other business connected with the coming fair.

HENRY L. BARTON, Sec'y.
Mexico, Jan. 11, 1873.

Colosse Cheese Factory.

MR. HUMPHRIES:—As the manufacturing of cheese is becoming quite an important item in the products of our country, I propose to give you a history of the doings of our Factory for the past season.

Mr. Robert Baker commenced operations on the 6th of May with the milk of 100 cows. After a time the number increased, and on the 1st of July we numbered about 500 cows. Factory closed Oct. 23d.

We received 1,094,149 lbs. milk, from which was manufactured 112,902 lbs. cured cheese—all sold in New York for first quality, which netted us, at an average price of 12 1/2 cents per lb., \$13,795.41.

The entire expense of manufacturing, including boxing, carting, etc., 1 1/2 cents per lb., besides what, for which we shall make no charge another year.

Average quantity of milk to make 1 lb. cured cheese—9 7/10 lbs.

Our Directors (A. Richardson, H. D. Richardson and Geo. Beley), who ever have an eye to improvements, propose to put the Factory in perfect order early in the spring, expecting an addition of 200 cows.

And we say to Factories of Oswego County, if they can beat these figures, "Robt" will give them figures another year that will still harder to beat.

L. D. WILLIAMS,
Colosse, Jan. 9, 1873. Secretary.

Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R.

The Railroad Gazette gives the following abstract of the annual report of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company:

The report of this company for the year ending Sep. 30, 1872, gives the length of the company's line as 189 1/2 miles, 141 being the main line from Rome to Ogdensburg, N. Y., north-west 42 miles to Richland, north-east thence to DeKalb Junction, 80 miles; thence north-west 18 miles to Ogdensburg; 2 1/2 miles to Watertown; 2 1/2 miles to north to Cape Vincent, and 2 1/2 miles to Potsdam Junction, N. Y. The company also works the Oswego & Rome Railroad, from Richland (43 miles from Rome) west to Ogdensburg, 28 1/2 miles, but seems not to have included this in its report. On this road there was 21 miles of double track and sidings.

At the date of the report the company owned 40 locomotives, 31 first-class passenger cars, 15 baggage, mail and express cars, 739 8-wheel and 60 4-wheel freight cars, 1 locomotive, 2 first-class cars, 2 baggage, mail and express cars, and 101 8-wheel freight cars more than reported the previous year.

This property at the date of the report was represented by \$2,998,800 of capital stock, \$1,735,606.10 of funded debt, and a floating debt of \$38,359.49, there having been during the year no change in the amount of the stock, an increase of \$205,659.36 in the funded debt, and of \$19,117.55 in the floating debt. The interest on the funded debt is 7 per cent. The capital stock is at the rate of \$18,825, and the funded debt is \$9,140 per mile of road.

The receipts were:

1872. 1871.
Passengers, \$417,518.40 \$483,566.29
Freight, 657,055.22 682,822.72
Other sources, 76,190.75 73,126.45

Total, \$1,150,764.37 1,239,515.46

The report for 1871 included the receipts from the Oswego & Rome road.

For the last year the earnings are at the rate of \$6,073 per mile of road, against \$5,909 the previous year, the increase being 2 per cent.

The expenses were:

1872. 1871.
Maintenance of the road, \$326,318.11
Maintenance of equipment, 169,188.96
Working the road, 371,157.25

Total, \$868,668.33

which is nearly 75 1/2 per cent. of the gross receipts.

The net earnings were thus \$281,106.04. The payments of interest, (\$108,695.84) and a 7 per cent. dividend on stock (\$209,923) exceeded the net earnings by about \$36,500.

The company reports three persons killed on the road during the year, all employees.

CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.

Go to Ballard's for your Oysters.

Oswego County Agricultural Society.

That a rare intellectual treat will be afforded at the M. E. Church, in this village, on Friday and Saturday evenings, and on Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., of this week, in the Lectures of Hon. I. S. Diehl, may be inferred from the following highly complimentary quotations:

The Presbyterian Church on Noble St., Greenpoint, was crowded by an appreciative audience, who listened to the lecture on "Oriental and Bible Lands," by Hon. I. S. Diehl. It was an intellectual treat, being instructive, highly entertaining, witty, and in all points admirable.—*Brooklyn Republican*.

The lectures of Brother Diehl in Washington City, on the oriental lands, were most highly and intensely interesting to our people. In fifty years of reading books and listening to lectures on these subjects I have never been so much interested nor received, I am sure, the same amount of most valuable information—and I commend them to you all.—*Rev. Dr. Wm. Hamilton's Speech before the Baltimore Convention*.

A fine audience greeted ex-consul Diehl at the City Hall on Thursday evening, on the occasion of his second lecture on Oriental lands, people, manners, and traveling experience. The audience listened with unflinching interest, and went away with a still higher estimate than before of Mr. Diehl's qualifications as a popular lecturer.—*Springfield Republican*.

The lecture by Rev. I. S. Diehl, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. Association, last evening, was listened to by a large audience, which filled the church up-stairs and down. That the discourse was highly interesting and instructive it is unnecessary to state, as we have recently spoken of the gentleman's ability in connection with a previous lecture. This was the fourth lecture delivered by him in this city within the past four days, all of which have been largely attended.—*Sac., Cal., Union*.

Last night the church was crowded to listen to the address of Prof. Diehl, a gentleman of extensive travel in foreign lands, and he thoroughly learned in Bible lore. He exhibited his maps and charts to illustrate the lecture, which was one of the ablest ever delivered in this city.—*Cincinnati Daily Journal*.

Institute Hall was filled last evening to hear the first of the lectures of Hon. I. S. Diehl on the Holy Land. The lecture was one of full interest, very instructive, and beautifully illustrated.—*Daily Commercial, Wilmington, Del.*

Hon. I. S. Diehl's celebrated lectures on Babylon, Nineveh, Persia and Bible Lands are highly praised by every person who has had the pleasure to hear them.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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The lecture in the Senate Chamber, by the Hon. I. S. Diehl, on Oriental Lands, was well attended and deeply interesting.

—few living Americans have traveled more extensively than he in Oriental Lands, and fewer surpass him in presenting the result of his observations so as to entertain and instruct. A vote of thanks was presented him by the Senate.—*Daily Times, Jefferson City, Mo.*

The lecture of Hon. I. S. Diehl before the Y. M. Christian Association was an eminent success, highly entertaining. The Hon. Lecturer is an able and eloquent speaker.—*San Jose Daily Patriot*.

Lectures commenced at 7 o'clock, tickets each evening 25 cents. Children's, 15 cents. To be obtained at H. C. Peck's, Store, Robinson & Co's, E. Russell's, and E. L. Huntington's.

THE WILDER SISTERS' CONCERT.—The Wilder sisters will give a Vocal and Instrumental Concert in Empire Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 24. Their singing in the same hall, a short time since, gave general satisfaction, and we bespeak for them a full house. Let home talent be encouraged. Doors will be open at 7 o'clock; Concert to commence at 8. Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

HONORED.—Our office is becoming distinguished. Our "devil" has the honor of being made President of the Debating Society recently organized in District No. 8, which is one step towards Washington. Of course he feels bigger than ever.

And when our foreman was acting the part of the Good Samaritan, the other night, helping a man home, his countenance became so sympathetic that the poor creature exclaimed: "24 shares yet an angel from heaven!" That is just what his wife has always thought him.

PRESENTATION.—The young ladies and gentlemen composing the young people's Bible class, under the instruction of Mrs. Golden at the Baptist Sabbath School, presented their teacher on New Year's day with an elegant pair of kid gloves, with fifty cents in each thumb and finger, and a silver half dollar extra. This speaks well for both class and teacher.—*Sandy Creek News*.

FOUND.—Near the Post-office in this village, on Saturday last, a gold-tipped pencil case, and now awaits its owner in our office.

Mr. F. Tisdale has an advertisement in another column concerning Dr. J. Ball & Co's Patent Ivory Cups. We have seen quite a number of letters from persons who have used these Ivory Cups, and who speak in the highest terms of their value and efficacy. The agent, Mr. Tisdale, can be found at Miss Tisdale's, next door south of Beals' Picture Gallery.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Mexico P. O., uncalled for Jan. 15, 1873:

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THE MEXICO BONDING SUIT.

We gladly yield a considerable of our space this week in giving publicity to the able report of Hon. A. S. Johnson, of Bonding the town of Mexico in the sum of \$30,000 towards the construction of the Syracuse Northern Railroad. Since the decision of the Hon. Judge, there has appeared in the *Syracuse Journal* an erroneous and one-sided statement in regard to the decision calculated to mislead the reader as well as misrepresent the town.

It has ever been known that with a road merely skirting the eastern limits of the town, not more than one-fourth of the tax-payers of the town could, by fair means, have been induced to sign the consent roll. And on trial this was found so to be, and for weeks, if not months, the thing seemed to have been abandoned, until large sums of money were furnished by the company to agents (as was found on the trial) to buy consents; and sums were actually paid from five to fifty dollars and upwards, as was also shown on the trial, to tax-payers to induce them to sign. And if the *Journal* man had read the Report of the Referee he would have seen that this was one of the grounds upon which the Company was beaten.

We have no wish to allude to the slang of the *Journal* in the "phonous epithets" it bestows upon Mexico, but will proceed to lay before our readers the Report and the Opinion:

New York Supreme Court: The people of the State of New York on the relation of the Syracuse Northern R.R. Company against Wm. J. Menter, as Commissioner, &c.

The undersigned, referee in the above case, respectfully reports that the same was duly brought to trial before him and the parties appeared and produced their allegations and proof, and that he has considered the same, and that he finds and decides as matter of fact that on or about the 10th day of May, 1869, an application in writing was made by twelve or more free-holders and inhabitants of the town of Mexico in the county of Oswego to the board of Town Auditors of said town to appoint a commissioner to subscribe in the corporate name of such town to the capital stock of the Syracuse Northern R.R. company and to issue bonds for the payment thereof, according to the provisions of the chapter 571 of the laws of 1868, and that thereupon the said board of Town Auditors appointed the said Wm. J. Menter to be such commissioner, who took upon himself the said office.

The undersigned further finds that the said board of Town Auditors is and was the board of Town Officers of said town mentioned and referred to in said act.

The undersigned further finds that on the 22d day of December, 1869, there was filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Oswego county papers purporting to be the consents in writing required under the said act to authorize the subscription to said stock and issuing of bonds under said act on behalf of said town of Mexico: and that annexed to the said papers was an affidavit in the following words: "I do solemnly swear that I am one of the assessors of the town of Mexico, county of Oswego, that I have examined the assessment roll of said town for the year 1867, and that upon such examination I find that the persons whose signatures are affixed to the within instrument embrace a majority of the tax-payers of said town representing a majority of the taxable property therein as appears by said assessment roll."

(Signed) H. D. RICHARDSON, Assessor. Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of Dec. 1869.

And that said H. D. Richardson was at that time one of the assessors of said town, and that said affidavit was filed and recorded at the same time as the other papers to which it was annexed.

The undersigned further finds that a number of the signatures affixed or annexed to the paper or papers purporting to be the consents in writing of the majority of the taxpayers or their legal representatives appearing upon the assessment roll of the town of Mexico for the year 1867, and purporting to represent a majority of the taxable property therein, and which were filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of said town, as aforesaid, were not made by the respective writers or signers thereof; that such signatures were severed and removed from the papers on which they were originally made, without the consent or knowledge of the writers of such signatures respectively, and while the said papers were in the custody or under the control of the said R.R. company, its agent or agents and by the act and procurement of some of them, and that the number of such signatures is more than sufficient, if rejected, to reduce the number of consenting taxpayers to less than a majority of the taxpayers or their legal representatives appearing upon the assessment roll of the town of Mexico for the year 1867, and also to reduce the amount of taxed property represented by the remaining consents below a majority in amount of the taxable property on said roll.

The undersigned further finds as matter of fact that a number of signatures to the consents upon the papers so filed, as aforesaid, sufficient if rejected to reduce the number of consenting taxpayers to less than a majority of the taxpayers or their legal representatives appearing upon the assessment roll of the town of Mexico for the year 1867, and also to reduce the amount of taxed property represented by the remaining consents below a majority in amount of the taxable property on said roll.

While it is quite true that the making of such an affidavit by the assessor is one of the safeguards interposed by the legislature to protect the citizens against the undue issuing of bonds which might grow into a charge upon his property, it would in my opinion pervert it from its true purpose, even inquiry into the requisite precedent facts precluded by the making of the affidavit.

In the third place I came to what I consider to be a question of great general importance to a view to the prevention of fraud in the securing of the rights of the citizen. The inspection of the consent roll as well as the consideration of the oral evidence show beyond question that a number of the signatures sufficient to turn the scale against bonding the town, if rejected from the number of consenting taxpayers, were not made by the signers of them to the paper of which they are now sought to be reckoned as a part under the circumstances stated in the finding of facts. The statute treats these consents as instruments to be dealt with in respect to proof on the footing of conveyances of real estate, and the serious consequences, which, by means of them their signers are by law enabled to impose on their non-consenting townsmen make it suitable that they should be scrutinized with jealous care to see that the very case which the statute has provided for is not fraud in the use of any one of these signatures; they may have been affixed to exact written or printed copies of the paper to which they were originally made yet that circumstance will no more avail with a consent to bond than with a deed or any other written instrument. It is too plain for argument that a signature to a deed or a note could not without the consent of the signer be transferred to a copy of the original instrument with the effect to give it any validity. If that be so, then these signatures must also be rejected as invalid. So too in the case of proof of execution, purporting to be made by a

rect consideration of money paid or to be paid to them respectively by the agents of said R.R. company, in its behalf, for such consenting signatures.

The undersigned further finds that afterwards and on or about the 10th day of May, 1870, an application was made to the Supreme Court for the issuing of mandamus to the said Menter, and that an order to that effect was thereupon made by the Court, and that afterwards and on the 16th day of May, 1870, a writ of alternative mandamus was issued out of the said Supreme Court upon the pleadings, on which writ this trial has been held and that after the said Menter had personal notice of the said writ said writ against him, and after the actual award and finding of the said writ and on the 18th day of May, 1870, and said Menter did refuse to perform any of his duties under the said act of the Legislature commissioner, as aforesaid; and that thereupon, on the same day, the County Judge of Oswego county, upon the said refusal and upon the proof before him by affidavit, did adjudge and determine that the office of commissioner under said act heretofore held by the said Menter had become, and was vacant.

Upon the fact aforesaid, the undersigned further reports that he has decided as matter of law that the said defendant ought not to be commanded on behalf of the town of Mexico to subscribe for stock in the Syracuse Northern R.R., nor to issue bonds in payment for said stock as mentioned in the alternative mandamus herein before issued, but that the said writ ought to be dismissed with costs to be paid to the defendant and judgment is hereby ordered accordingly.

ALEXANDER S. JOHNSON,
Dec. 28, 1872. Sole Referee.

Supreme Court: Taylor vs. The Syracuse Northern R.R. Co.; The People ex rel. Syracuse Northern R.R. Co. vs. Menter.

Opinion: A. S. Johnson, referee.—These two cases were tried together. In the first the suit was brought by the plaintiff as supervisor of the town, as a taxpayer on his own behalf and that of all others similarly situated. A decision of the Supreme Court in the Fourth Department established that the plaintiff has no such interest in the questions presented as gives him a standing in Court to contest the bonding of the town of Mexico by suit instituted for that purpose. Argued vs. the town of Milo, Sept. Term, 1872. Had the cause been tried alone I should have regretted that I had

